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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *11/28/06*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *8-12*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

 Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kenneth M. Kaslow, Reg. No 32,246, on 5/24/07.The application has been amended as follows:

- Claims 1-6 and 13 are canceled.

- Claim 8 and 10 have been amended as follow:

8. (Currently amended) A data storage device accessible to a processor for implementation in a policy database, the policy database comprising:
at least one policy, the at least one policy defined in terms of sets of first entities, sets of second entities, and. actions, whereto a given policy defines a given action that an entity belonging to a given set of the first entities may perform on an entity belong to a given set of the second entities, the at].east One policy subject to association with a further condition and,
the policy database configured to provide the processor, in. response to a request to the processor, with policy information reflecting whether a particular .entity belongs to the set of first entities to which the given policy applies to may perform the given action or a particular entity belong to the set of second entities to which the given policy applies by determining that the particular entity may not perform the given action if the further condition is not satisfied at the time the processor responds to the request.

10. (Currently amended) A data storage device accessible to a processor for implementation in a policy database, the policy database comprising:
at least one policy, 'the at]least one policy defined in terms of sets of first entities, sets of second entities, and actions, wherein a given policy defines a given action that an entity belonging to a given set of the first entities may perform on an entity belonging to a given set of the second entities, the given set of first entities and/or the given set of second entities subject to an association with on action attribute, the action attribute specifying a manner in which the given action specified in the given policy is to be

performed and,
the policy database configured to provide the processor, in response to a request to the processor, with policy information reflecting whether a particular entity may perform an action to which the given policy applies in a particular manner by determining that the requesting entity may not perform the action unless the particular manner is the manner specified by the action attribute.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thong H. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3904. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Lynn Feild* can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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